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Official Diary

Thursday, 26 February 1953

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25X9A6 1. Sherman Kent reported that [REDACTED] was about to publish a book which took a rather severe swipe at [REDACTED] for being incredulous that [REDACTED] was a Communist. It took a similar but only one-sentence swipe at [REDACTED]. All this reported by [REDACTED]. Information was given to [REDACTED] of the General Counsel's office and to the morning staff meeting and DCI directed [REDACTED] to have [REDACTED] procure a copy of the book and start drafting [REDACTED] a statement to be released if serious publicity develops on the matter.

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2. At [REDACTED] suggestion, advised DCI that the Yugoslav situation would make a good major topic for next week's briefing. DCI agreed, and DDC/I is proceeding to draw up the necessary paper.

3. DCI stated that he was concerned at our production reaching the critical levels of the Government, especially those such as Treasury, MSA, and Budget, which did not have departmental intelligence organizations. He proposed an early NSC briefing to outline what we put out and soliciting requests from the various members as to what they would like their offices to have. He talked in terms of assigning a CIA liaison officer to bring daily and spot intelligence to Sec/Treas, DMSA, and Director of the Budget.

I suggested several caveats along the lines of keeping ephemeral excitable material away from top policy makers not primarily concerned and utilizing the IAC and its sub-committees as channels for improving utilization of our production at second echelon and lower levels of the Government. It is apparent that DCI would like to talk further about this with [REDACTED]

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25X1X7 4. Also at the DCI meeting the question was raised of accepting [REDACTED] made by [REDACTED] to collaborate in studying gadgets in overseas missions. He suggested raising this at the PSB meeting and I suggested that the IAC would be a more appropriate place, as I felt the service intelligence officers would be better representatives of departmental views than [REDACTED] would [REDACTED] on this rather tricky matter. [REDACTED] is informally clearing with [REDACTED] interdepartmental committee set up to handle this.

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5. [REDACTED] is arranging a visit by [REDACTED] who will be received cordially but not with such red carpet treatment as to embarrass us in relation to ONI. Later changed - [REDACTED] will meet with DCI, DDI and ADDI. Already laid on.

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6. DCI reported that the Cabell Bill has been presented to both Congressional committees and that Saltonstall will shortly appoint a special subcommittee, the minority leader of which would likely be Stuart Symington. Apparently DCI will go before the Committee on Tuesday next. General counsel will take care of briefing him.

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7. Attended NSC Senior Staff meeting which got about three-fourths of the way through the China paper and recessed until tomorrow afternoon. At this meeting [redacted] outlined the proposal for a panel of distinguished citizens to spend three weeks viewing national policies. 25X1A9a

8. Conferred with Mr. Pforzheimer who reported a call from [redacted] of the Joint Congressional Committee on atomic energy and requesting DCI's appearance next Tuesday to discuss the semi-annual report, the "joint report" and the demands made in a certain letter of last spring for detailed information as to intelligence sources, etc. Pforzheimer believes he has persuaded Borden to delay this appearance until week after next. He suggests the desirability of approaching [redacted] to kill any action on the above letter. 25X1A9a
25X1A9a [redacted] should get together to discuss this in detail.

Later talked with [redacted] and Pforzheimer who pointed out that a major decision on tactics to be used by DCI in dealing with this Committee will have to be reached. Suggest we get together 27 February to give DCI a coordinated staff recommendation on this.

10. Conferred with [redacted] Special Assistant to DCI, who was much exercised over the Asia paper and the attempts of the military to eliminate reference to promoting a negotiating attitude. I assured him that we and State would fight to the last for this and I had DCI called from the meeting to urge him to discuss it with [redacted] at the PSB luncheon. Also agreed that the CIA Senior Staff Representatives would always be receptive to suggestions from [redacted] based on his special mission. 25X1A9a
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11. Conferred with [redacted] who is about to undertake an administrative survey of Agency publications with the view to reducing costs and saving manpower. Told them the DD/I Offices, represented substantively by AD/IC, would cooperate fully but wished to stress the overriding importance of having finished intelligence widely and effectively disseminated even at the expense of printing and sending out surplus copies.

12. Received a call from [redacted] NSC, later joined in by [redacted] regarding the revision of the EYES ONLY summary sheet. He proposed to put the correct totals down leaving our sensitive stuff buried in the military departments as they are in the official unclassified budget. I told him I could see no objection to this provided, as he assured me, there was no way in which a clever computer could deduce the Agency figures by comparing any totals of subordinate figures with the totals given.

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